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COUNTRY <u>Soviet Zone of Germany</u>	REPORT NO. [REDACTED]	
TOPIC <u>RECHLIN and LAERZ Airfields</u>		
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SOURCE

1. The RECHLIN (N 54/U35) airfield was not occupied by planes. Most of the former RECHLIN Flieger Kasernes were surrounded by a board fence. A Soviet Air Force sentry was posted at the kaserne gate. There was intensive traffic of incoming trucks loaded with quar-
tering equipment and empty outgoing trucks. [REDACTED] X1C

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The former fliers' settlement was occupied to capacity by Soviet Air Force officers and NCOs. The RECHLIN church and the nearby building have recently been cordoned off.

2. A local resident stated that tank troops quartered in the kaserne up to 10 September 1949 were replaced by about 4,000 Soviet Air Force troops.
3. The aircraft of the RECHLIN unit were parked at the LAERZ (N 54/U 33) field. There were three rows of 40, 21, and 18 fighters arranged in an open horse-shoe shape. The fighters, covered with tarpaulins, were low-wing monoplanes with three-bladed propellers. Their engines could not be identified. Twenty-four biplanes, presumably U-2s, were parked in another row. The planes parked along the road had the consecutive numbers [REDACTED] on the side of the fuselage. The plane with the [REDACTED] had a large Soviet star in a golden circle. No other markings were observed. All planes had antennas.
4. According to a farmer working near the field, many small mono-planes and about 20 twin-engine aircraft were parked on the eastern edge of the field. This section could not be seen by source as it was strictly guarded.

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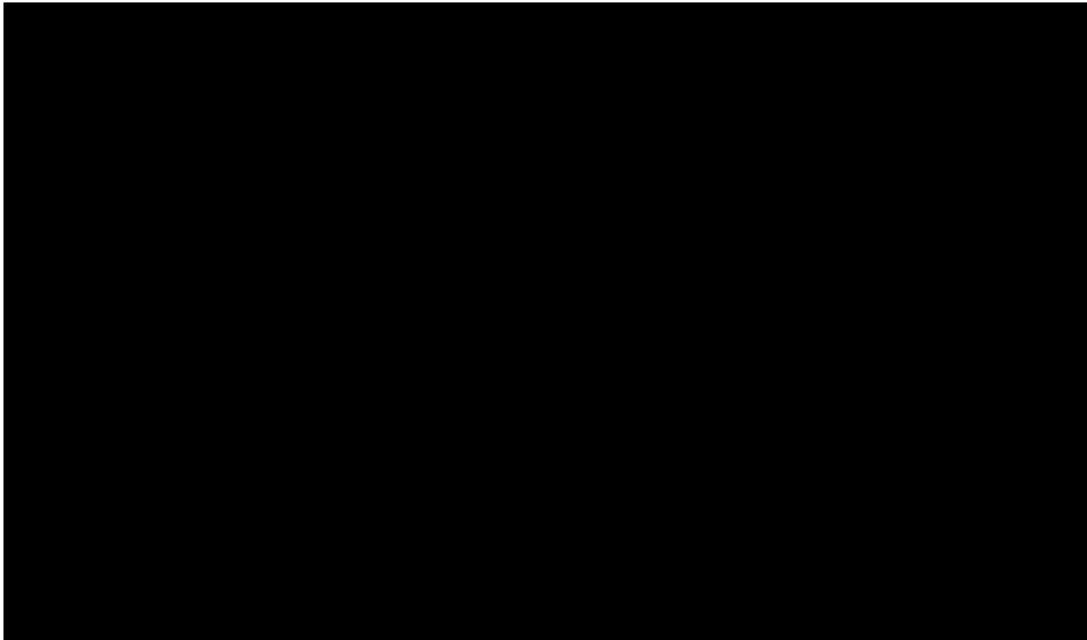
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5. The main road along the western edge of the field was not cordoned off but air force sentries patrolled the area. An E-7 runway was seen. Several hundred Soviet soldiers did unidentified work on the landing field. A radio truck with an extended antenna was standing at the southwest corner of the field. There was no flying.

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